

10:30 AM SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

*Alive!*

# WELCOME!

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*“Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer  
or somewhere in between on life’s journey, you are welcome here.  
We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate  
in worship and service of Plymouth Church.*

## PLYMOUTH UCC PURPOSE

Growing people of faith who participate in God’s work in the world.

## PLYMOUTH UCC VISION

Plymouth Church UCC is a Christian Community open to the transforming Spirit of God.



Thank you for worshipping online with us today. Please like and send us a greeting on  
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



**The church office will be closed during concerns about the coronavirus.**

**The church building is closed for all activities until further notice.**

**Check [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for updates.**

**All pastoral care will be via telephone or other electronic means.**

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YOUTH-LED WORSHIP

*Worship with Plymouth Church UCC begins with meditation.*

*The quiet is meant to encourage and deepen your own inner work.*

*Thank you for entering this space, this hour, by honoring the spirit of worship.*

This Sunday we share together Holy Communion in our online interactive worship. Before the time of the service you will want to prepare some bread and juice of some sort. Remember this is a meal of grace, so whatever “bread” or “juice” you choose will more than suffice. Set these elements in the sacred place where you experience worship. Thank you for your preparation.

**WELCOME** . . . . . Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

**PRELUDE** . . . . . *Better Together* . . . . . Jack Johnson  
performed by Annamatronics

**CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . Nathan Matthews

One: This whole year has been crazy and unpredictable. Uncertainty is everywhere.

**All: We don't always know what we're doing or how to do it, but we're doing it together.**

One: We don't always know where we will be next, but we gather here today to support each other.

**All: We don't always know what we're doing or how to do it, but we're doing it together.**

One: We are grateful for this Plymouth community that brings us together so that even when we are apart, we still find ways to be united in God's love.

**All: We don't always know what we're doing or how to do it, but we're doing it together.**

**SHARING PEACE** . . . . . Ann Ogle  
**Peace be with you**

**HYMN** . . . . . *Always Got Time For Love* . . . . . Heatherlyn  
performed by Heatherlyn

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Everyone is welcome at our table to share the bread and the cup, whether you are a believer, a seeker, a skeptic, doubter or somewhere in between.*



**INVITATION.** . . . . . Sebastien Bernard

**COMMUNION PRAYER** . . . . . Sebastien Bernard

*Toni Arthur, Jennifer Carter, Larry Counts (Brother-in-Law of Maryann Counts), Pam Dorrance, Maria Eclipse (Grandmother of Rogie Eclipse), Carmen Ramsey Ellington (Friend of Karen Clark), Blake English (Relative of the Guthrie family), Pat Forrester (Sister-in-Law of Kate Forrester), Phil Fredrickson, **Ann Fullerton and Family** (Sister of Doug Stultz), Keili Geller (Granddaughter of Nancy Geller), Peter Gibbons (Brother of Eileen Gibbons), Floyd Gossett, Katherine Guthrie, Joyce Irving (Mother of Rev. Louis Mitchell), Sue Jones, Michael Kaid, Paul Lehto, Libonati Family, Sharon Masse (Wife of Gary Magnuson), Isabelle Matson and Family, Medora Moburg, Montecino Family, Dick, Jean, and Alex Paul (Parents and Nephew of Beth Paul-Russell), Mary Margaret Pruitt, Tommy Rivers Puzey (Friend of Karen Clark), Maria Ratcliff (Aunt of Toni Arthur), Jose Robles and Family, Joseph Scott, Jaime Rubio Sulficio, Lisa Waldschmidt (Sister of Angela Deppe), Samantha Williams*

*Our hearts are with the Stultz family on the death of their niece and cousin Jessica Fullerton.*

(Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless otherwise requested.)

 A variety of faithful addresses for God (Creator, Mother, Holy One, Father) are welcome at Plymouth UCC, including in the Lord's Prayer. 

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.  
May your loving presence be a reality here on earth.  
May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.  
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.  
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.  
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.  
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

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**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** . . . . . Rev. Kevin Bechtold

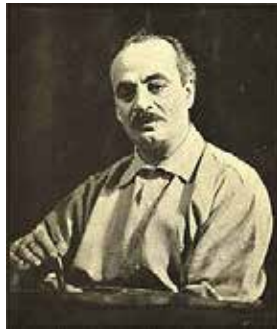
**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**. . . . . Chloe Fung

**CONTEMPORARY VOICE** . . . . . read by Max Maher

*Love One Another* by Khalil Gibran

Love one another, but make not a bond of love.  
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.  
Fill each other's cup, but drink not from one cup.  
Give one another of your bread, but eat not from the same loaf.  
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone.  
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.  
Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.  
For only the hand of life can contain your hearts.  
And stand together, yet not too near together.  
For the pillars of the temple stand apart.  
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.



*Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931) was a Lebanese-American writer, poet and visual artist, also considered a philosopher although he himself rejected the title.*

**MOMENT OF LOVE IN ACTION** . . . . . Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** . . . . . John 15:9-17  
(NRSV translation) . . . . . read by Annabelle Russell

*In the Gospel of John, the belovedness of friendship and mutual knowledge, like love and commandment-keeping, go hand in hand. Jesus' own are sent to testify and bear fruit, to love as Jesus loves.*

As the Parent has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Parent's commandments and abide in their love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you enslaved people any longer, because the enslaved person does not know what the enslaver is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Parents. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Parent will give you whatever you ask them in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**ANTHEM** . . . . . *Give Love* . . . . . Andy Grammer  
Performed by Sari Breznau, Jenny Kaiton, Evan Florey-Barnes and Leo Neer  
by request of Youth Forum

**MESSAGE** . . . . . Nate Korahais, Annabelle Russell

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** . . . . . Nate Korahais, Annabelle Russell

**POSTLUDE** . . . . . *I Thank You Jesus*  
Plymouth Youth Forum

**CLOSING** . . . . . Dr. Brown



## DRIVE-UP WORSHIP 10:30 AM MAY 9

Sunday, May 9, there will be pre-recorded online worship at 10:30 am and drive-up in-person worship at 10:30 am at South Seattle College north parking lot (6000 16th Ave SW). Set radios to 87.9 FM and join the service from your car. **Note:** The service broadcast is limited to the parking lot — you will not be able to tune in from home. Follow signs and greeters to park your car.

Keep it safe! You are encouraged to remain in your car during worship (even if you are vaccinated), except when using restrooms available on site. If you would like to sit beside your car, you are welcome to bring a folding chair. Remember to wear your mask any time you are out of your car and around others.

We'll need 6-8 able-bodied folks to help set up, greet and direct traffic. Contact [Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:Info@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) if you can give us a hand that Sunday morning.

If you have time afterward and the weather is good, consider a stroll through the Chinese garden on campus — the peonies and flowering cherries are in bloom! (Visit [SeattleChineseGarden.org](http://SeattleChineseGarden.org) for directions and information).



*Worship again at South Seattle College.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Learn More About Plymouth*** A class for those who joined as new members in covenant on Easter as well as for those who may be interested in joining us in the future will be held on Tuesday, May 4 on Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. This will be a time to introduce yourself and learn more about Plymouth Church, the United Church of Christ, and progressive Christianity. This class will be led by Rev. Kevin Bechtold and Min. Jennifer Castle. Contact Jennifer at [JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JCastle@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) for more information and link to the class.

***Help with Clinic at Plymouth!*** We are looking for fully vaccinated Plymouth volunteers who could help at two vaccine clinics that will be held at Plymouth. Both are on Wednesdays: May 5, 12 pm-6 pm and June 2, 12 pm-6 pm. This will be run by Harborview Medical Center and is not an open clinic; it is focused on essential workers who have not had vaccine access. Appointments are being handled by Harborview and Plymouth is acting as host to help welcome and direct folks when they are on site. Contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung if you can help for part or all of the 6 hour slots: [JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:JHayakawafung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Celebrate Dr. Elizabeth Gordon's Ordination*** Please mark your calendars now, 3 pm (PST) Sunday, May 23, for the Ordination Service of Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon, PhD, MDiv, JD. This joyful on-line event is co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle. The Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown is honored and thrilled to preach on the theme of God's Promise. All are welcome to the online service via Zoom. To attend, please register to receive the link for the service. Visit [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) and click the box on the homepage with Elizabeth's image.

***Gather in Gratitude with Plymouth Healing Communities*** This year's Plymouth Healing Communities lunch event, Gather in Gratitude, will take place remotely, but those living at Horizon House can gather together in Anderson Hall for a catered lunch. There will be seating capacity for up to 40 persons. If you can attend, please RSVP to PHC board member and Horizon House resident Pam Mitchell (apt. 404; [pmitch@uw.edu](mailto:pmitch@uw.edu); 206.465.0158). Let Pam know by May 1, so that there is a lunch ready for you. Read more at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](http://PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

***Seeking Green Thumbs*** Plymouth Healing Communities, a non-profit providing housing and companionship to folks struggling with homelessness and mental illness, has two properties in Beacon Hill that have raised garden beds. We are looking for volunteers to help with planning, preparing and maintaining beds. Volunteers will work alone or in numbers allowing social distancing. We will accommodate your schedule. Apply at [Plyhc.org/volunteer](http://Plyhc.org/volunteer) and we will be in touch! —*Plymouth Healing Communities*

# BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment. Care for the poor.*  
**Forgive often. Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*  
*Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.*

Call to Affirmation  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

Believing that God's love transcends all human distinctions,  
Plymouth welcomes people of all races and cultures,  
of varied social and economic conditions  
and regardless of sexual orientation.

We are open and affirming of all people,  
and we call all people to the cost and joy of Christian discipleship.



